

Newsletter

Issue 3

17th September 2021

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"For our life to be great, we need love and heroism. If we look to the crucified Jesus, we find both boundless love and the courage to give one's life to the utmost, without half-measures."

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)



Be Respectful



Key Dates w/c: 20th September 2021

20th Sept: Year5 Swimming 8.30am

21st Sept: Orchestra begins 3.15pm-4.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

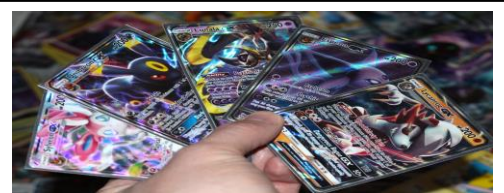
It was great to see so many of you at our beginning of term Mass, we really enjoyed celebrating with you. You will see from this week's photographs, the children have been busy with their learning. The children are enjoying playing with other classes at break and lunchtimes.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Pokémon Cards:

Unfortunately, we need to ban children from bringing into school Pokémon cards as there have been a lot of upset children when ones go missing, or there is an unfair trade etc. Thank you for your support with this.



Census Day:

The school census day will be Thursday 7th October and we need as many children to have a school meal that day as possible as the more we have the more funding the school is given for resources etc. The menu that day will be pizza or vegetable curry. We will be giving a meal to all children in Reception, Year1 and Year2 for them to try to see if they like school meals.



Wrap Around Care:

Wrap around care has begun and we wanted to remind families that it is available to you all, it is flexible each week with no commitment to use all the time. The school are committed to running the care for a full year before a decision is made on the future of the provision.

If you wish to book a space please return a completed booking form to the school office by 2pm every Friday. Payments will need to be made by in advance of care for your child to attend.

Named Items:

Please make sure that all items, jumpers, lunch boxes, wattle bottles, book bags, that belong to your child have their names clearly printed in them so we can return lost items to the correct owner. We have many children looking for their lost unnamed items that we aren't able to reunite them quickly.



Reception 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2022/2023.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15th January 2022. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Year 6 High School Transfer – Admissions 2022/2023:

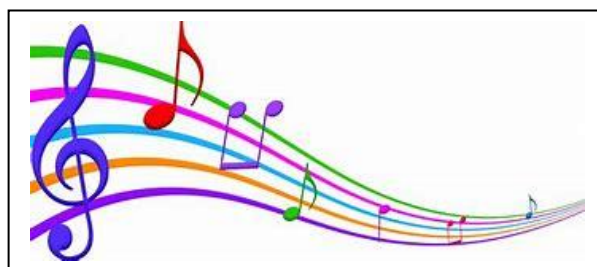
The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for current year 6 High School Place for September 2022/2023, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

Please check the High School you wish to apply to, to see if they require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31st October 2021.

Orchestra:

For KS2 (must have been playing your instrument for at least a year). If your child has been learning an orchestral instrument in or out of school they are welcome to join. We also have a few spaces to play the xylophone. We can then begin to perform in concerts and mass.

Orchestra will begin on ~~Tuesday 21st September~~ in the school hall until 4.15pm. If you would like your child to join please email the school office.



Clothing Bank at School:

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our own clothing bank in the school car park.

Items you can donate

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Blankets
- Handbags
- Belts
- Towels
- CD's and DVD's
- Video games
- Books
- Bric-a-brac

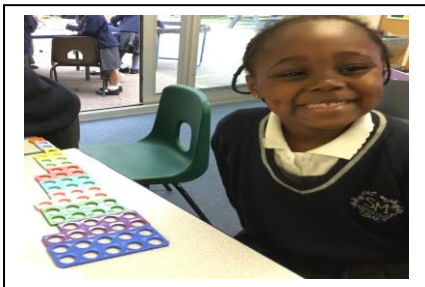
Items you cannot donate

- * Pillows & Duvets
- * Glass
- * Metal
- * Paper
- * Carpets
- * Soiled Rugs
- * Rubbish



Reception:

This week in Reception we have started our topic of houses and homes. The children were thinking about their families. They have all drawn a beautiful picture which will be going up to form a display!



Year 1:

In Year 1 maths, we have been ordering numbers and finding one more and one less. We made our own number tracks out of numicon and IOs frames and used these to count forwards and backwards.

Year 2:

Year 2 were helping Mr Cook organise his 'materials' cards. He had mixed them up and couldn't remember the groups they were supposed to go in!

They worked together to discuss which materials could be grouped together and which couldn't.



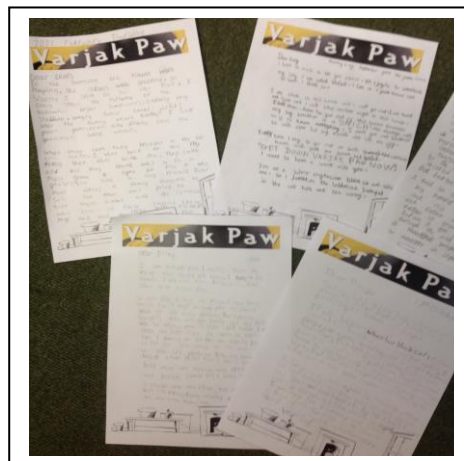
Year 3:

It's been another busy week in year three. In addition to all their hard work in maths and literacy the children have been exploring their creative sides. In music they collaborated well, choosing instruments to represent everyday sounds. In art, the children experimented with changing tints, producing some beautiful work in the process. In addition, the whole class sang beautifully in church. Well done year three!



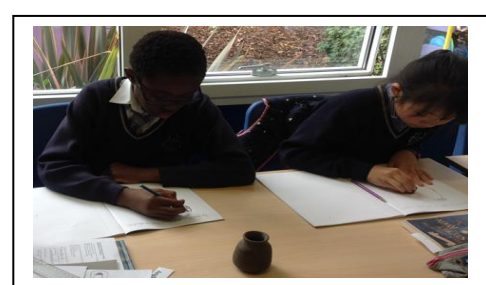
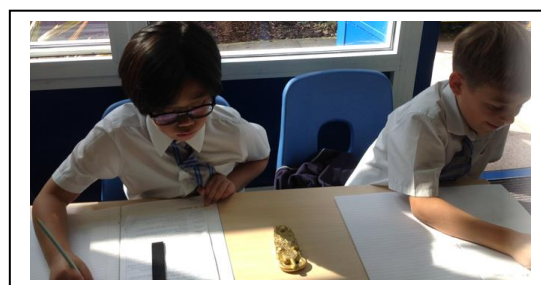
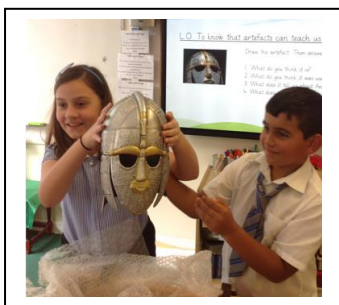
Year 4:

This week, Year 4 have been working hard to create their first diary entries linked to our class book Varjak Paw. We spent time planning, drafting, editing and writing up our work.



Year 5:

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons by exploring a box of artefacts from Sutton Hoo. The children worked together to try to work out what each of the artefacts may have been used for and what they tell us about what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons.



Year 6:

Following on from a successful Art lesson last week, Year 6 took one of their sketches and enlarged it: focusing on size and proportion. Here are a few examples of the many great pieces that were created.



Sendiass:



Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information
Advice & Support Service
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Transition to secondary school for pupils with SEND

SENDIASS is offering a free, relaxed online session for parents and carers in Suffolk to support you and your child with the transition from primary to secondary school.

This is a trial session, in the final stage of coproducing this new session with parents and carers, so we are keen to get your feedback.

We will explore:

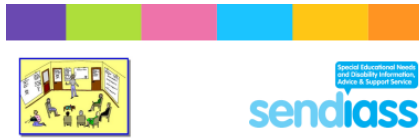
- Helping your child connect with the new school – information and resources schools can offer
- Helping your child express their feelings and lessen any anxiety
- Empowering your child – building confidence and new routines
- Additional transition support which settings can offer for pupils with SEND

You don't have to use your video or microphone if you don't want to in the session – you can just listen or use 'chat' if you prefer.

September 28th 2021 10am – 11:30am

[Click here to register](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transition-to-secondary-school-for-pupils-with-send-tickets-168707128563>



Annual Reviews of EHC Plans Webinar

SENDIASS is offering a free live webinar explaining Annual Reviews of EHC plans. The webinar was co-produced with parents and carers but practitioners are also welcome to register. We will explore:

- the purpose of an annual review and an EHC Plan;
- what the process involves & how you & your child can be involved;
- the different kinds of review and timeframes;
- and what decisions can be made at the end.

There will be approximately one hour of presentation with an additional 30 minutes for interactive questions at the end.

The session is delivered live but not recorded live. If you register you will be sent a video of a pre-recording of the session afterwards, to watch at leisure in case you cannot make it live or are interrupted.

29th September 2021 6pm – 7:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

What parents and practitioners have shared about this session –

'This has been so helpful!' 'A great help - accessible and clear.'

'I prepare paperwork for reviews daily and I found this very helpful.'

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-reviews-of-ehc-plans-tickets-168290530507>

St Mary's Preschool:

Is your child aged 2-4 years old and looking for childcare, have you thought about St Mary's Preschool, they are located in the church hall across the road from school. They are open every day Monday to Friday. Feel free to book a visit to see them for yourselves.

 The advertisement for St. Mary's Pre-school features a vibrant, colorful design. At the top, a banner reads 'SPACES AVAILABLE' in bold, black letters. Below this, the school's name 'St. Mary's Pre-school' is written in large, red, stylized font. A pink box with a dashed border contains the text 'Professional Educational Care for 2-4 yr olds.' To the right of the text is a yellow house icon with a red door and windows. Below the house, there are two photographs: one showing children playing with clay and another showing a classroom with tables and chairs. A large, light blue circle on the left side of the advertisement lists the following features:

- ★ Highly Experienced & Qualified Staff
- ★ Happy, Fun and Caring Environment
- ★ Funded Places Available
- ★ Lunch Club
- ★ Outside Area Newly Designed
- ★ 3hr and Full Day Sessions.

 At the bottom left, a green circle contains the 'Contact Details':

St. Mary's Church Hall
322 Woodbridge Road
Ipswich IP4 4BD
Tel: 01473 807252
www.stmarys-preschool-ipswich.org.uk
FB: @stmaryspreschoolipswich

 At the bottom right, a small white box states:

Member of the Early Years Alliance
Ofsted Registration: 251658
Registered Charity: 1072893

Recycling your Ink Cartridges:

The Ink Recycling box is located in the school foyer outside the school office.



recycle your
inkjet cartridges
here





We are very excited to announce that we are now working with *The Ink Bin* - a specialist teacher-led business which supports pupils to collect empty inkjet printer cartridges. *The Ink Bin* pledge to recycle as much of the single-use plastic as possible and also send away some cartridges for refilling in order to reduce their carbon miles. For refillable cartridges, the company will give the school money which we can spend on exciting new equipment.

The project aims to support children to be as eco-conscious as possible as well as learn through enterprise. Wherever possible, it will be child-led. Please do check at home, at work and with friends and family to see if you have any old cartridges which can be brought into school- every cartridge makes a difference!



Dates for your Diary:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 01st September – Friday 17th December

Half term: 25th – 29th October

Staff Training day: 01st September

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Thursday 21st July

Bank holiday: 02nd May

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July